I hope the House will be pleased to sanction this grant.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs 5,500 under demand XXVI—Public Health and Sanitation was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments.

Mr. B. Paramu: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 27,750 under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments.

A sum of Rs. 3,000 is required to meet the additional expenditure caused by the revision of the pay of menials of the Museum. This was not anticipated when the budget estimate for the current year was framed.

A sum of Rs. 20,000 is needed to meet the expenditure for the maintenance of the zoo animals. The provision made for the purpose in the current year's budget is now found to be inadequate as payment of the last year's bill due to the supply contractors was made from this year's allotment.

Another sum of Rs. 1750 is required to meet the expenditure on account of the formation of an Agri—Horticultural Society at Trivandrum. This expenditure was not anticipated when the current year's budget estimate was framed as the formation of the society was sanctioned subsequently.

A sum of Rs. 3,000 is required to meet the expenditure on account of animals which are proposed to be purchased this year. Out of Rs. 7,500 provided for the purpose in the current year's budget Rs. 3,880 was spent for the animals already purchased this year and Rs. 2,807 had to be paid to the Transport department as hire charges for lorries, and an amount of Rs. 1,135 has still to be paid on account of transporting charges for the year 1121. For the purpose of meeting the expenditure under all the above items a sum of Rs. 27,750 is required. I request the House to sanction this Demand.

President: On account of the tremendous rise in prices of wheat and mutton, it was found that the animals were really half starved. As it was found essential to purchase the necessary quantity of feeding material, additional cost had to be incurred. Hence the increase in the amount.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 27,750 under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

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